



Photo trip report from the initiation meeting of the Maichew Woreda Innovation Platform

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- The Africa RISING project in the Ethiopian highlands is supporting the establishment of local innovation platforms in each of its sites.
- This visit aimed to brief agricultural research, development and other stakeholders working at Africa RISING sites about the program's activities, and initiate the establishment of Innovation Platforms (IPs) with key partners.
- By the end of the visits we established 4 strategic (woreda) and 8 operational (kebele) IPs and formed technical committees at woreda and kebele levels.



Gebrehiwot from the International Potato Centre (CIP) presenting results of the participatory community analysis in Maichew Woreda (Emba-Hazti and Tsibet)



Jim Ellis-Jones presenting on innovation platforms



Summary of Africa RISING activities to date including studies undertaken and main findings and possible interventions



Maichew operational innovation platform establishment meeting in Embahasti kebele



Briefing Innovation platforms – purpose, role, membership and technical committees of Innovation platforms



Farmer trials and demonstrations – 2013 (Potatoes, Wheat and Faba Bean)



A farmer raising his concerns in prioritizing action



Aber Adie briefing building partnerships, value chains and gender perspectives



Participants in Embahasti kebele



Visiting farmers' potato stores



Dawit from Mekelle University briefing farmers on Innovation concept



Members of the technical committee of Emba-Hazti kebele

(from left to right) Gabu Hagos, Getahun Addis, Bayraw Kiros , Awetash, AbrahaTadese, Ashenafi Hagos , Birhanu GebreKiros



Representatives of cooperatives, kebele administration, women and youth representatives, development agents, health extension workers, elders, and farmers



The innovation platform team and technical committee of Endamehoni woreda



Maichew landscape



Project partners Ethiopia





Local partners Ethiopia

- **Academic institutions:**
Wachemo, Mekelle, Madawolabu, Debre Berhan and Hawassa universities;
Maichew Agricultural College
- **Regional research organizations:**
Amhara Regional Agricultural Research Institute, Southern Agricultural Research Institute, Tigray Agricultural Research Institute, Oromia Agricultural Research Institute
- **Federal research organizations:**
Ethiopian Institute for Agricultural Research, Ethiopian Health and Nutrition Research Institute
- **Offices of Agriculture:**
Endamekoni (Tigray), Basona Worena (Amhara), Lemo (SNNRP) and Sinana (Oromia)
- **Agricultural Transformation Agency**



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